Depletion of Extractable Reserves

616. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the current level of consumption of Iron Ore the extractable reserves at the Rajhara and Dalli Iron Ore mines would get depleted soon, threatening closure of the Bhilai Steel Plant;

(b) if so the balance extractable reserves of Iron Ore at these mines and by when the Bhilai Steel Plant would face closure due to inadequate iron ore;

(c) the iron ore reserves and its quality at Rawghat and for how long its clearance has been pending, the reasons, and the present stage of allotment/ clearance of this mine to Bhilai Steel Plant; and

(d) the other mining areas under consideration of the Bhilai Steel Plant, their reserve position, and their present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The balance extractable reserves as on 1.4.95 at Dalli and Rajhara group of mines is estimated at 205 m.t. However, the difficult mining conditions may inhibit full exploitation of these available mining reserves. At the current level of consumption the iron ore reserves at Dalli-Rajhara are expected to fully meet the requirements of Bhilai Steel Plant upto 1998-99.

(c) As per the report of Geological Survey of India reserves and quality of Iron Ore deposite at Rowghat are as under:

Deposit	Reserves (Million tonnes)	Fe (%)
A	48.0	62.58
B	84.0	30.27
C	84.0	57 to 60.57
D		
E	26.0	52.93
F	498.0	59 to 64

The mining lease proposal of SAIL had been approved in May 1991 subject to Forestry and Environmental clearance, which is pending.

(d) There is no large iron-ore deposits, except Rowghat, in the vicinity of Bhilai.

Abolition of State Minority Commission in Rajasthan

617. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan is following the footsteps of Gujarat and Maharashtra in abolishing the State Minority Commission; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI ASLAM SHER KHAN): (a) The Central Government has no information about the proposal of the Government of Rajasthan if any to abolish the State Minority Commission.

(b) Does not arise.

इंडियन एयरलाइन्स के विमानों से खुजराहो मंदिर को पहुंची क्षति

618. **श्री गोविन्द राम मिरी:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि इंडियन एयरलाइन्स और अन्य एयरलाइनों के विमान चालकों द्वारा विश्व प्रसिद्ध खुजराहो मंदिर के ऊपर से विमान उड़ाए जाने के कारण इस मंदिर को भारी क्षति पहुंची है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण के अधिकारियों द्वारा भोपाल में भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण के

अधिकारी को आश्वासन दिये जाने के बावजूद अभी भी इस मंदिर के ऊपर से विमानों का उड़ाया जाना जारी है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ङ) मंदिर को और क्षति न पहुंचने देने हेतु क्या कदम उठाए गये हैं अथवा उठाए जाने का विचार है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग और संस्कृति विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (कुमारी शैलजा): (क) और (ख) यदि विमान निश्चित सीमाओं के ऊपर भी अधिक नजदीक से उड़ते हैं, जिसके कारण कम्पन उत्पन्न होता है, तो मंदिरों को क्षति पहुंचने की संभावना है। नागरिक उड्डयन प्राधिकारियों से विमानों का उड़ान मार्ग बदलने के लिए कहा गया है ताकि इन मंदिरों को क्षति पहुंचने की संभावना को रोका जा सके।

(ग) जी, हां।

(घ) इस प्रकार के उलंघन के सही कारण बता पाना कठिन है, सम्भवतः इस प्रकार के उलंघन खराब मौसम, उड़ान की परिस्थितियों तथा क्षेत्र को स्थलाकृति के कारण हो सकते हैं।

(ङ) भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण द्वारा नागरिक उड्डयन प्राधिकारियों से यह कहा गया है कि वे मंदिरों के ऊपर से विमानों को न उड़ाएं। मंदिर को क्षति न पहुंचे इसके लिए नागरिक उड्डयन प्राधिकारी विमानों का मार्ग बदलने तथा विमान की आवाज कम करने की संभावनाओं पर विचार कर रहे हैं।

Requirement of Fertilizers

619. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various parts of the country and in particular Andhra Pradesh are not getting fertilizers according to their requirement;

(b) if so, whether Government have prepared any policy for transportation of fertilizers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Urea is the only fertiliser under price, movement and distribution controls of the Government. During Kharif '95, the level of satisfaction for the country as a whole was 101% of the allocations under the Essential Commodities Act. (ECA) and in the specific case of Andhra Pradesh, it was 102% of the ECA allocation. Due to delayed and good monsoons in Andhra Pradesh, the demand of Urea in certain pockets of the State picked up in October '95. The spurt in the demand of urea was met by rushing additional supplies from alternative and non-conventional sources. The availability of urea in Andhra Pradesh in the first month of the Rabi season, i.e. October '95, was 2.73 lakh tonnes which is 23% of the total ECA allocation of 11.99 lakh metric tonnes for Rabi '95-96.

(b) and (c) The primary mode for the transportation of fertilisers is rail. A target for the loading of 23 million tonnes of fertilisers has been fixed for the current year in order to meet the anticipated demands. In the overall transportation effort of the Railways, the fertiliser component is only about 6%. A perspective plan for achieving a loading level of about 36 million tonnes of fertilisers by the end of the IX Plan, has been prepared.

Ship Breaking Project

620. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MSTC has finalised any ship-breaking project at Haldia jointly with some other parties;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the project cost and completion time; and